

## **Bob Buchholz - Region V Texas**

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As a third generation rancher, Buchholz runs cattle and meat goats on ranches in several Central and Southwestern counties in Texas. Sheep were part of the operation prior to the 2011 drought. Range fires and adverse weather conditions required him to sell his fine wool flock and a large percentage of his other livestock. Raising and selling livestock protection dogs is also a part of his business. To get his start in ranching, Buchholz made a living riding colts and doing day labor before leasing ranches to run livestock with his brother. The recent years of drought in Texas have resulted in an all-hands-on-deck approach to ranching for the Buchholz family. His wife Mary and their three sons – Robert, Dalton and Franklin – have assisted with the consuming chores of feeding, moving and working the livestock. In addition to being appointed to the ASI executive board, Buchholz is the current president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association (TSGRA), president of the Schleicher Country Predator Association, director on the Mohair Council, chair of the TSGRA Meat Goat Committee and director on the American Goat Federation.